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NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
Month of December 15, 1939, to January 14, 1940

We are now in the middle of winter- and much of the time is spent in darkness. There has been very little extreme cold so far. Plenty of time remains for low temperatures- it is possible to have and feel an awful lot of cold weather in a very short time in this country. The moderate weather has been most favorable for all of our work in connection with the Church, and we have tried to do the best possible job of it all. We have never had a better interest taken than during the past few months.

Christmas is past again. It was a grand event- much interest was shown by many- some new workers were prominent and all were happy.

Every department of our Church organization is functioning very well.

There is no particular thing that has been outstanding that would call for special mention,- unless it is the work of the Choirs.

Evangelism is emphasized constantly. Some results are cheering us and deepening the spiritual life of the Church and Congregation. We are definitely building along this line with Easter in view.

Once each month we go to the studios of Station KFAR and hold a complete short Church Service "over the air." Many people are reporting that we are reaching out over a wide area with an effective and inspiring message. We are happy that we can have this privilege of giving "the winds a mighty voice", and vastly enlarging our audience in this great Northland.

The regular things of the congregation and the community are continually furnishing a full time ministry for us of the Manse. We are frequently called upon for extra services. To the full extent of our time, strength, and ability, we are willing and glad to do the things that come our way in keeping with the principles of righteousness and the promotion of the Kingdom of God and the welfare of our fellowmen.

Many people of our town are ready to recognize the fact that the Minister is here to be useful. In most respects his office and limitations are given honorable consideration. So I am satisfied.

We shall all be going forward with our program and trust that the very best results will come from our investments in every way.

We are grateful all of the days as we are conscious of the good help of faithful supporting friends who are holding us daily before the throne of God.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1940

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: To Spring, Op. 43, No. 6 - - - - - Grieg  
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading No. 3: God: The Ruler of the World  
Hymn No. 119: Onward, Christian Soldiers  
The Apostles' Creed  
Scripture: Luke 1:1-17  
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart  
Pastoral Prayer  
A Word for Finnish Relief  
Offering  
Offertory: Sylvia - - - - - Speaks  
Anthem: Lovest Thou Me? - - - - - Solly  
Sermon: A People Prepared Holding Fast to Central Beliefs  
Hymn No. 140: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations  
Benediction- Choral Response: Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing - Mallard  
Piano Postlude: Russian Romance, Op. 30 - - - - - Friml

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Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Youth for Christ and the Church.

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Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected  
Songs of Faith and Praise  
Prayer  
Scripture: Luke 8:4-18  
Offering  
Offertory Music  
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir  
Sermon: The Word of God and the Way We Hear It  
Song of Personal Invitation  
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING OF THE CHURCH is held every Wednesday Night at 8:00.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.

THE AID CIRCLES will meet Thursday Afternoon: East Side with Mrs. Cooley 319 Wendell, and Mrs. Smith assisting; West Side with Mrs. Spinning, 10th near Cushman. All Ladies of the Congregation are cordially invited.

A BIRTHDAY TEA will be given by the Ladies Aid Friday Afternoon in Young Memorial Hall opening at 2:00 P.M. The Twelve Tables will represent the Months of the Year. Enjoy a very attractive event.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.



# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

February 9, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

I have received your letter of Jan. 17th, also the copy of your letter to Mr. Bingle.

I note that you are planning to come to be with us in the field of the Presbytery of Yukon from March 1st to 16th. That will be good, and we shall be very glad to have you in our midst, and in our homes and churches, respectively. I am rather fearing that your date for Fairbanks will be over Sunday the 10th of March, which will be one of the annual Ice Carnival days here in Fairbanks. It will not be a favorable day for my Church. Those affairs are never conducive for good attendance in the services of the Church and other appointments, including Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor. If you can possibly do so, will you please plan to be with me here over any other Sunday than the 10th?

As you advise, I shall surely be staying right here on the Fairbanks field just the same as through many years of the past, until after you come at least. We must make some definite plans for me to do something different very soon after that, if possible. I am surely bound to make a change of field this spring or summer.

In connection with your desire and purpose to open the way for me elsewhere, would it not be in place for you, or Miss Gillespie of the Specific Objects Dept., to communicate with the two pastors of our sponsoring churches, Dr. Frederick Maier, Arkansas City, Kansas, and Rev. Mr. A. Meredith MacColl, Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., in view of learning their wishes in the matter? I have visited both of them, and I feel confident that they and their churches would like to follow me with their continued support, especially so if I should be assigned to Alaska Field Missionary work. They seemed disappointed that my work here is all with the white people, except when I take the trips to the Eskimo people. I'll leave that idea with you.

I know that we shall be able to accomplish very much while you will be with us. Many situations will be improved. You may be sure of a most cordial reception and acquaintance with our Alaska members and workers, particularly so with the Missionaries and their Families.



Dr. King- page two.

You are not allowing time enough for your visit in our part of the Territory. Each of the four churches- Anchorage, Cordova, Fairbanks, and Palmer, should have you over a Sunday. So much time and distance will be required for going over the country. You are preparing yourself for the like disappointment experienced by Dr. Somerndike when he came up here in September, 1937. Dr. Montgomery had the same trouble,- and it came about with them both by their inability to realize the vast distances between New York and Fairbanks and the other important Points between. Our Director for National Missions does not come to Alaska often, as you know; so will you please extend your time for Alaska, and make no appointment anywhere in the States before May?

We shall be anticipating your coming with much joy and satisfaction.

Yours cordially,

*John E. Jones*



NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
Month of January 15, to February 14, 1940

The weeks are fast sweeping by, and the days are growing much longer. It is cheering to have more daylight for life and its varied activities. Our Winter has been beautiful-- less deep cold than we have ever experienced in this part of the country. This has all meant for better attendance in all of the appointments around the Church. Seems that we can begin to expect Spring to be here within a few weeks. That will suit us all very well.

Every activity of all of the organizations and departments of the Church has been doing a good order of work. No exceptional thing has been noticeably accomplished. Just a faithful and steady forward movement all along the line. I would be happier if larger things had been done and that an unusual report might properly be rendered.

All of the hours of every day have been actively filled with something, and we cannot see where time and strength have been wasted.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are drawing many new people into the services and activities of the Church. This is the case in everything this winter. It is counting greatly in the way of good cheer for many of us who have been bearing "the burden and heat of the day" for many years.

Preparations are going on leading toward Easter. Choirs are selecting their music appropriate for the season, and the additional persons are coming to supplement the voices. Every way we are stepping up the interest and action with the Scriptures and sermons in keeping with our prayers for increased evangelism among the members of the congregations.

Our Radio Service is held at the studios of Station KFAR once each month. Excellent reception is enjoyed, and a fine report comes back to us every time we are on the air. We are making a name for the best and most dignified of the services that are being regularly broadcast.

We shall be so grateful for all assistance and support given us as we endeavor to contribute our best service in the weeks yet before us in this field and ministry.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary



# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

February 16, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
c/o Dr. James Thomson,  
1203 American Bank Bldg.,  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. King:

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received, containing a copy of your proposed schedule for the Alaska visit during the month of March.

You have observed that there is scarcely any co-ordination of my expectation of what you would do about your movements and this plan which you have drafted 5,000 miles from here. You just cannot even hope to cover half of the territory you have indicated within the time limit you have set for yourself. For one thing, over this way, you would not be able to go to St. Lawrence Island this time of the year without allowing as much as probably two weeks for weather conditions to be favorable; and then I doubt very much if a pilot would be willing to take the risk.

We are simply amazed at your ambitious plan, and wonder who in Alaska gave you such information that would lead you to believe you could go all of the indicated places in a month of time, to say nothing of the expense involved. There is much hazard over some of those routes as well. If you think you can and must undertake such an extravagant schedule, then, all right, but please do not expect my faith in your ultimate success in its accomplishment. If you do half of it in the time proposed I shall be surprised, especially in the winter season, for such it will be in Alaska for two months yet.

I am wanting to get this to you with my opinion before you leave Seattle on Feb. 24th, so that you may care to reconsider the schedule, and possibly do some revising, before arriving at Seward on March 1st.

In the meantime, I shall await your arrival, or further word of your movements.

Whenever you come to us here we shall be so glad to welcome you and have the inspiration and joy of your personal acquaintance and counsel in affairs of our mutual interest and concern.

Bon voyage- and prayers as you come along to us.

Yours cordially

*John E. Youel*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1940

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Barcarolle, Op. 605	- - - - -	Kern
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading No. 1: The Joy of Worship		
Hymn No. 114: The Church's One Foundation		
The Apostles' Creed		
The Scriptures: Romans 7:14-25	Rev. B. J. Bingle	
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory: Sweet Dream	- - - - -	Schaikowsky
Anthem: Rock of Ages	- - - - -	Heyser
Announcement and Introduction		
Sermon: "Far Off Tambourines"	Rev. Boyd G. Cabbage	
Hymn No. 99: Love Divine, All Love Excelling		
Benediction- Choral Response: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing	-	Mallard
Piano Postlude: Garden Song	- - - - -	Lichner

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The Presbytery of Yukon will hold a concluding Session at Noon Today.

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Christian Endeavor will not hold its Meeting Tonight.

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The Usual Evening Service will be omitted Tonight.

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M.

PRAYER AND BIBLE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH will practice Thursday Night at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Thursday Night at 7:30.

PREPARATORY CLASS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP meets at 3:00 on Saturdays.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

THIS CALENDAR IS YOURS FOR REFERENCE IN THE SERVICES AND IN YOUR HOMES.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU- YOU NEED THE CHURCH. LOYALLY JOIN US IN THIS WORK.

I NEED THE HUMAN AND DIVINE FELLOWSHIP WHICH I FIND IN THE CHURCH:

I come to a service discouraged and blue. Good friends extend a hearty greeting and a warm handclasp. I join with others in the singing of hymns of faith and courage. I join my heart with others in prayers, and in that fellowship there come a new courage and a new happiness, as I realize that I am part of a great army of fellow beings striving onward together. Over and above that human fellowship there is the consciousness of divine companionship. I would not willingly miss this privilege.



NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
Month of February 15 to March 14, 1940

Here we are in the last month of the Church year! Winter is still with us- but the sun is rapidly returning to us- after the long time of far distance out to the South, and, consequently, leaving us to fight back the cold with fuel and excessive activity. All nature and our spirits are brightening and the more cheerful again.

You may be sure that we are just as busy as we can possibly be in all Departments of the Church and Community life. Our program is so full that there is no chance to stop "in our tracks" else we would jam-up the whole parade. Are we fooling ourselves into believing that we are busy and useful, or is it all true? Well, maybe there is a lot of motion going to waste. Anyway, we are in our own place and trying to go right on doing the best that we can. We are at least sincere and quite conscientious in our ministry. Results must be left with God.

This Winter has been a time of evangelistic emphasis. There have been much evidence of interest and some serious thinking on the part of many persons. So, we shall continue along this line with the Church.

Our youth are especially active. They are taking on more and more responsibility for themselves. We are supporting them in this interest and growth. It is a most hopeful sign of spiritual concern.

The Ladies' Aid still keeps going steadily along. A grand group!

Our weak spot is constantly the department of Men. They evidently want everything to go ahead with all expenses met, but it seems impossible for us to stir them out to doing the soliciting for the required finances. We are praying that there will be no financial deficit at the close of the year,- and that date is "just around the corner." Would to God we could have more men around here as diligent in the affairs of the Church as are many of the women. But we do have some excellent and faithful men in our crowd! Thank God.

Much time and energy are now being expended in all departments in preparations for the observance of Easter. We shall be ready for an unusual experience when that time arrives, I confidently expect.

Coming up to the end of this current month, we have had a most wonderful treat: We have had with us our National Missions Director of Alaska Work, Dr. Everett B. King. He has brought us much encouragement and counsel. We are happy for his coming and for the personal acquaintance afforded. Now we shall be able to work along with a delightful mutual understanding. At the same time, we have held our Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. The Reverends Bingle and Cabbage have been with us, and our ministries and fellowship have been sweet and profitable. Mrs. Bingle was also here, and all these mentioned were our guests at the Manse. An outstanding experience of our long time of service in Fairbanks.

A significant event: I offered my resignation as Pastor of this Church on March 10th- to become effective on March 31st, 1940. This in order that I might accept the Board's appointment to become General Supply Minister for all of Alaska- same to begin on April 1st.

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John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary



# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

March 22, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
c/o Mr. Gene C. Gould,  
American Bank Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

*1st six month -  
ord. promotion -*

My Dear Dr. King:

I am wondering how you are getting along with your appointments and visitations in Southeastern Alaska. I do hope that the weather and connections have been entirely favorable all through. No doubt you will soon be leaving the Territory by returning to Seattle and the States. It has been grand to have had you up here. Now we can feel that we are acquainted and such understanding relations have become established, so that we can go ahead with very decided purpose in all of our plans and efforts.

I am much comforted in the new outlook for my own future work. Many things about it are somewhat perplexing and will have to be worked out as time goes on. We shall do our best to make our strength, experience, and the financial investment count for the most possible for good. Presented my resignation to the Congregation on the 10th, and the same was accepted by the Congregation last Sunday, and will become effective on March 31st. Then, at once, my services will begin here as Supply Pastor and continue until my successor is on the ground. I shall be making two or three short trips around by railroad- to Nenana, etc., and about the middle of April I shall plan to make the trip to Wales, counting on about a week for that visit. I shall take with me the ORDER SHEET FOR LUMBER AND VARIOUS MATERIALS submitted by Miss Stauffer, proposing to confer with her in detail about it, and about the matter of repairs and re-arrangements of the buildings at Wales. Whatever we conclude upon in that connection, I shall communicate early to you. The other SHEET which Miss Stauffer has made out- the things for her personal living- I am inclosing herewith with my indorsement. So far as I can know it is okay, and should be sent out to her as per the usual custom. The sheet of order for the various materials- lumber and supplies of various things- seems to be somewhat mixed, but I thought it best to hold it intact rather than to separate it anyway. There should still be time enough to get all of this matter worked out and ready before shipping time in June or July.

*1st 6 months  
send to Board  
after that -*

We are almost ready for Easter and many are happy and very busy. Wish you were to be with us here for this occasion- you would see us at better advantage than we were during Ice Carnival and Dog Derby days. Thanks for coming.

Very cordially yours,

*John E. Youel.*





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fairbanks, Alaska

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1940

Morning Worship at Eleven



Piano Prelude: Moment Musicale, Op. 940, No. 6 - - - Schubert  
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading No. 24: The Power of an Endless Life  
Hymn No. 70: Low in the Grave He Lay  
The Apostles' Creed  
Baptism of Children  
Reception of New Members  
Offering  
Offertory: Easter Bells, Op. 106 - - - Beach  
Anthem: Exultant Easter Bells - - - Lorenz  
Sermon: With a Mighty Triumph O'er His Foes; Christ Arose!  
Anthem: On Wings of Living Light - - - Pierce  
Anthem: Easter Morning - - - Wilson  
Benediction  
Chorale: My Flesh Shall Rest in Hope - - - Adams  
Piano Postlude: Coming of Spring, Op. 157 - - - Eggeling

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Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Youth for Christ and the Church.

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Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - Selected  
Gospel Song Service  
Prayer  
The Scriptures: The Combined Account of the Resurrection  
Offering  
Offertory Music - - - Selected  
Special Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir  
Sermon: The Victory Won for All Mankind by the Resurrection of Christ  
Song of Application and Invitation  
Prayer and Benediction  
Choir: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M.

ALL CHURCH OFFICERS will meet jointly Wednesday Evening at 7:30.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH will practice Thursday Night at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR regularly meets for rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Wednesday Evening, April 3 in Young Memorial Hall beginning with the Fellowship Dinner at 6:45. Reports from all Departments of the Church will be presented and several Officers will be elected. Please remember to hold this important date.

THOSE WHO HOPE FOR NO OTHER LIFE ARE DEAD EVEN NOW BUT IN CHRIST WE LIVE



# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

March 26, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Your letter written at Sitka reached me today. Thank you for your kind words. You may be sure that it was our great pleasure to have you with us during those few busy days. Only wish it might have been for a longer and less crowded time.

Here are the names of the people here who did the courteous and considerate things for you:

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tonseth,- Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hopkins,- "

Mr. Andrew Nerland,- Drive to the Univ. and  
guide for seeing the town at Night- etc.(?)

Quite a number of the ladies of the Congregation sent in items of food, various dishes, for the table. I believe we have adequately expressed to them our due appreciation. All have been sorry that the Carnival was on at the same time as your visit.

I wonder if you were able to make all of your proposed visits and surveys through the area of the Presbytery of Alaska. I hope so. The weather was troublesome most of the time through March, as usual.

We had a good time here over Easter- the best we have ever known with the Church. Church was crowded- five new members were received, and three children were baptized. This good response just experienced makes us all the more regretful of the break in our pastoral connection which is just ahead. Eighteen members have been received during the Church Year. Should have been more!

Here are the two kodak pictures we took in front of the Church, March 8, during your visit and the session of our Presbytery. I hope you will like them. The enlarged picture- taken by me in the winter of '38-'39- moonlight and frost on the birch trees- Church & Manse- will be mailed to you this week.

Yours faithfully,

*John E. Youel*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1940

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Nocturne, Op. 55, No. 1 - - - - - Chopin  
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading No. 2: The God of Nature  
Hymn No. 110: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty  
The Apostles' Creed  
The Scriptures: Romans 5:1-11  
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory: In a Garden - - - - - Thompson  
Anthem: Invocation - - - - - Schoebel  
Sermon: A Garden Was Close to the Cross  
Hymn No. 231: I Love to Tell the Story  
Benediction- Choral Response: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing - - - - - Mallard  
Piano Postlude: Allegro, Op. 154, No. 10 - - - - - Mana-Zucca

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Session Meeting at Three. Candidates for Church Membership may attend.

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Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Youth for Christ and the Church.

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Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected  
Gospel Song Service  
Prayer  
The Scriptures: Matthew 18:1-14  
Offering  
Offertory Music  
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir  
Sermon: Ideals of Marriage, Home, and Family  
Song of Personal Dedication  
Prayer and Benediction  
Choir: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Wednesday Evening in Young Memorial Hall beginning with the Fellowship Dinner at 6:45. It will be a "Covered Dish" dinner. Bring your own food. Coffee will be provided from the kitchen. Reports from all Departments of the Church will be presented and Officers will be elected. All are urged to come.

THE LADIES' AID MEETING will be held Thursday at 2:30 in Young Memorial Hall. Hostesses: Mrs. Cary, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Cooley. Officers for the coming year will be installed. All Ladies are cordially invited.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH will practice Thursday Night at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursdays at 7:30.

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Month of March 15 to April 14, 1940

We have gone over into another Church Year. Many things have been pressing upon us- and everyone of them has been most important. Never have we been busier in the work of the Church.

Easter was observed with all of the customary services and with very large interest and attendance. It was a spiritual uplift to us all. Never have we known a better season in this connection.

My resignation as Pastor of this Church became effective on March 31st, and i formally declared the pulpit vacant at the close of the Evening Service on that day. The experience was almost too much for us to bear- after holding this position for twelve years. Has our ministry accomplished very much? God knows how hard we have been working all of the way through!

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Dinner were held on April 3rd. The Reports all showed that a busy and successful year has been completed. Wish it might have been much better. The spirit of the event was all that we could expect, considering that this is Alaska.

My relation to this Church, beginning on April 1st, is rather different since I am now in my new office as general supply pastor and visitor for Alaska under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of National Missions, Unit of Alaska Work. I am trying to be just as much a PASTOR here in Fairbanks as ever- and shall be doing all that I can in that way until my successor arrives to take up his work here on the field.

We are hoping and praying for God's own man entirely fitting to this Church and to Alaska to be the one who will soon be on his way.

In the meantime, we are holding up the banner of the Cross- and keeping up the services and activities of the Church in a good normal order of things. We are determined that there will be no slipping nor losses anywhere in the program of our good work here.

Consecrated workers are standing at their posts of duty faithfully.

This must be all of my Story for this time.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Acting Pastor & Missionary



# WALES ALASKA MISSION VISIT- 1940

1 April - May

THIS IS MY THIRD TRIP BY AIRPLANE from Fairbanks to Wales, Alaska, in the past three years, authorized and financed by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for the purpose of conducting sacramental services and otherwise assisting the Missionary at that station, also for making a survey and check-up of the mission property. This type of service is entirely within the range of my duties in the general field of Alaska under direction of the Secretary of the Board, Unit of Alaska Work. I am to travel with the Wien Airlines, Inc., for the entire round-trip.

April 16. At 8:15 A.M. was called by the office of Wien Airlines and told to be ready to leave Fairbanks at 10:00 this morning. Hadn't expected to go for a day or two yet. Took off with Herman Lerdahl, pilot, at 10:30, in a little red "Cessna." Two other passengers, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace of Nome. Flew right through, no stops enroute- clear and perfect visibility- most interesting- grand- all the way. Arrived at Nome at 2:20 P.M. Fairbanks time- 1:20 Nome time. Distance is about 450 miles. Made fast time. At Wien's office learned that I would stay here over night- probably leave for Wales tomorrow morning. Put up at the new Paterson Hotel- good room and facilities. Had lunch at the North Pole Cafe. Took a walk- called at Coast Guard office to see about possible transportation to St. Lawrence Island later in the summer. Called at Mr. E. Parsonage- Rev. Wilbur P. Wood- called on Joe & Ellen Hopkins- found them just fine! Glad to see them- they seemed happy to see me. Had dinner and spent evening with the Woods people. Back to my room and to bed at 11:00

April 17. Very good rest- up at 6:15 Nome time- set my watch back one hour. Good breakfast- bright, sunny morning. Do hope Anna is okay- had to leave in such a hurry yesterday- had near panic! Out for walk over the town. Visits with several friends. May get away for Wales this afternoon. Had visit and lunch with Ellen Clausen Hopkins. Weather report from Wales at 2:00 P.M.- unfavorable for landing there- high wind. Here until tomorrow at least. Felt very tired- slept and rested most all afternoon. Dinner is over- feel much better.

April 18. Had good night- rest, bath and breakfast. Wrote letter to Anna. Pilot Frank Whaley dropped in- will leave with me for Wales this morning. Took off at 10:15. Had difficulty flying thru- encountered clouds- thick fog- finally got under them- soon rounded the Cape and came opposite the Village of Wales and circled about looking for a safe landing spot. Came down easily on the wide area of shore ice- at 12:00 Noon. Miss Stauffer and a lot of Eskimo people came out to the plane- pleasant greetings- unloaded 186 pounds of freight which my Fairbanks S.S. had intended for these mission children last Christmas. Anyway, it is here in plenty of time for next Christmas. Walked over the ice to the village- a half mile or so- and am here in the missionary residence-- The Manse. All is well! Feeling fine- glad to be here safely again. Have had a good lunch- visited the Store and in several homes, including two igloos! Odors! Walked around over high snowdrifts. Prayer-meeting at 7:00 P.M. Large attendance- Miss Stauffer leading- most interesting. Dwight Tevuk interpreter tonight. All singing was in English. Songs were these: "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"; "Let the Lower Lights be Burning"; "Savior, More Than Life to Me"; "I Am Praying for You"; "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"; "Near to the Heart of God." I closed the service with a prayer and the benediction. So ended the day peacefully. Good Night.

April 19. Nice and bright morning. Had a good rest, except room was hot. Ready for the day. Breakfast over. A "prospector" walking from the Kobuk to Nome came in for "grub"- then walked on- "a long, long trail." Dressed up and went out on the sea-ice- accompanied by Miss Stauffer. Saw women fishing for tom-cod through the ice- tried fishing same way- no luck- took some pictures- went way out to edge of ice- observed great piles



and ridges of ice- hummocks- formed by action of the water- more than a mile out from the Village. Most interesting- thrilling experience and exciting views. Think I got some worth-while pictures. Returned to the house after noon. Lunch is over- resting- weary from very long and unusual walk over snow and rough ice the whole way around. Later I went out on the ice and fished for tom-cod. Amy Tungwenuk furnished the tackle and showed me how to use it down through the little fish-hole. She brought up a little fish- so I had faith and fooled along at it- caught two little fishes- 11 in. and 12 in. respectively- was much delighted- had Miss Stauffer take my picture with my fish at the spot. Along near came two men- Charles and Peter- with two seals just caught at the edge of the open water of the Strait. Took a picture of them standing by the seals. I pulled one of the seals quite a long distance over the snow. We measured and planned for fixing the Church building to make it warmer. Wind is terribly strong and penetrating here much of every year. We spent a pleasant evening at home in The Manse.

April 20. Nice and bright morning. Good rest. Breakfast and prayers are over. Saw several men leave with dog-teams and sleds and go around the Cape on the ice. See many women and children out fishing. Went out on hill-side for view of far objects- clearly see the Diomed Islands, Fairway Rock, and East Cape, Siberia. Took two pictures- one set at 22 shutter & 1/25 sec., other at 11 shutter and 1/100 sec.- very bright sun over snow and ice- the 2nd should show Wien Airlines plane dropping in to land on the ice in front of the Village. Very windy all afternoon, so I stayed indoors- reading, looking at pictures, talking over things here. We were guests at dinner with the Government Teachers, Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Crutcher. Very pleasant, spent the evening- visiting and playing Chinese Checkers. Ready for the night. Peace to all- "The Lord watch between us."

April 21. Sunday Morning. Not bright today, but warmer. Well and hopeful for the good day with these people. Can see black line of open water beyond the ice out in Bering Strait. Good breakfast- prayers- and plans are made for the services, conferences, &c. I pray that my trip and visit here may be fully justified! Shall do my very best all the way. The S.S. Teachers are here for study of the lesson for today with Miss Stauffer- five men: Louis Tungwenuk, Theodore Statuk, Dwight Tevuk, Charles Oxereok, and Willie Senungetuk came at 9:30; then Louise came. Sunday School will convene at 11:00. Took picture of the five men with Church in background and I shall expect it to be valuable. Attended the S.S.- about 135 present. Very remarkable lot of folks- all ages. Senior Girls Class had a special exercise- the closing of their week-day Bible Class work until next fall. I conducted a brief evangelistic service and gave the Gospel Invitation- several older children responded and came forward. Took picture of the class of girls and Miss Stauffer out in front of the Church. Had short visit with a group of older boys by the Church door. Back to Manse. Had good dinner- rested a while and then went to an igloo home and served the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to two women- old lady and her daughter- former is charter member of this Church. She is very ill with tuberculosis. Back to Church for Session Meeting. Sixteen girls and boys came to be examined as candidates for Church Membership. All were accepted and they will be publicly received tonight in the Communion Service. -- Church Service at 7:15. Devotional song service conducted by Miss Stauffer, Missionary in Charge here. I then took charge of the service to conduct the ceremonies for the observance of the Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper, and for the reception of new members. Fourteen young people and two young married women were received into the Church Fellowship- all upon the profession of their personal faith in Christ as their Saviour. Four children were baptized. Ruling Elders serving the sacramental bread and wine were: Emma M. Stauffer, Theodore Statuk, Dwight Tevuk, and Louis Tungwenuk. Charles Oxereok was the organist. Alfred Mazonna was the interpreter. Everything was most solemn, effective and orderly throughout. In conclusion the Congregation sang in Eskimo- "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Very tired when all was over at 9:00. Had supper, made out Baptismal Certificates for the four babies. Retired at 11:00. Blessed Day!



April 22. Up and dressing at 7:00. Feel well and okay. Weather cloudy- but apparently clearing. Eskimo women are out on the ice fishing. Have had breakfast and prayers. Out around the place- visited Government Store- examined carved ivory- made selections and purchases for myself, for Rev.W.P.Wood of Nome, and for Rev.B.G.Cabbage of Anchorage. Took a picture of Alfred Mazonna and a small boy, Freddie, the former was my interpreter for Communion Service last night. He is Chief Reindeer Herder for this station- salary is \$45.00 per month from the Government. Have several letters written to mail here for the added interest of Wales, Alaska, post-mark. Lunch is over- things gathered up ready to leave any time now. But-- here I am at 7 P.M.- the plane didn't come for me- too windy and foggy for flying. Can't help it! Am comfortable here so it is all for good someday. Dinner is over- and'll make the best of the extended stay- maybe can help with the mission work a little. Spent a pleasant evening- Dwight Tevuk came in- had good visit. We played a game new to me- "The Three Musketeers"- sang from "Vesper Chimes" - went to bed early.

April 23. Up at 6:30. Looks stormy- no visibility- most unfavorable for airplanes today. Hope it'll clear up. Nothing I can do about it- but be patient and help along with the work. Feeling fine and am comfortable. Wonder how Anna is at home! At 9:00 fog is still low. Out for a walk around the place. George Kazcoluk came along with his dog-team & sled- 9 fine dogs- best I've seen here- took me on for a good ride- then I went back of the Village to an old mound and grave-yard- where Collins' excavations were carried out several years ago- story of this project was published in the National Geographic Magazine of May, 1939. Eskimo men go out with dog-sleds every day along the coast to gather and bring home drift-wood for fuel in their houses. Have seen many doing this. At 1:00 P.M. there's no change of weather- little chance for air travel. Have spent the afternoon quietly indoors- reading, watching the movement of the clouds, drifting of fog, and activities of the natives. Have had a good evening talking over and drawing some plans for the work and property here. Ready for the night of rest at 10:00. Want to mention that two young Eskimo men have come in to see me and visit a while this evening- Winton and John. The latter was in earlier today and I gave him 25 cents to make small pieces of carved ivory for me- he brought them tonight and was grateful for the money- these boys get very little- he expressed his thanks. Now- "Lord, Abide with Me."

April 24. Good morning! 7:00 o'clock. Looking out- fog low obscuring everything. Shall hope for the sun-rising to dissipate the fog and the clouds,- so that I can get away on the homeward flight today. But then I'm all right and keeping busy very well. Several women are already out there on the sea-ice fishing at 7:30. Spending the day at various occupations- mainly drawing and discussing plans for a new Manse for this Mission. At 3:00 fog is still heavy on Cape Mountain- no favorable report of weather from here has been sent out by the Clutchers. I'm stuck here for another day anyway. Can often see funny things from my west window- little Eskimos in their natural and innocent state- studying some of their characteristics unobserved by them. Think I caught a good picture just now of an Eskimo man with dogs and sled-load of drift-wood. Brought in some nice sea-shells from the beach. Looked over the Post Office and School- Miss Stauffer is the Postmistress here- visited in the Teachers' Quarters- had supper and quiet evening- reading and listening to the news by radio. Dwight was in for a while- and he gave me a fine little piece of carved ivory- a walrus tooth- his own nice carving. Glad to have it as a fine little remembrance. Like him a lot. Off to bed.

April 25. Up again at 7:00. Looks some lighter I believe- sun is shining around the point of the Cape. Do hope Frank Whaley can safely come up from Nome for me today! Official weather report broadcast sounds unfavorable for all air service again this morning. Sent a telegram to Anna- "Stormed in here everything fine hope you are okay cheerio." I rushed out to see and take pictures of a crew of Eskimo men- nine- as they were starting out with a big "skin-boat" (oomiak) and complete out-



fit to the open water to hunt for whale, etc. Most interesting to me. I visited at Store and with the store-keeper, my friend, Elder Louis. Went into the "Kazgee"- community house. It is a miserably poor place for the people or groups to congregate for social interests. Something better and cleaner must be provided. And that is partly our duty! Look into this as soon as possible. The Crutchers were here for lunch- nice people- fine visit. At 1:00 skies look lighter. Slept for an hour. Went out with my kodak and managed to snap a picture including children on the long snow-banks coasting with large sleds- and a man with a large team of dogs and load of wood. Should be specially good. Made plans for the Prayer Meeting tonight which I am to lead. Shall use and give an exposition of John 4:1-14 - "The River of the Water of Life." - Meeting is over- had a good time- about 70 were in the Church- many have bad colds and are coughing. "Now the Day is Over." Am glad- and rather tired.

April 26. It is 7:00 in the morning. Cloudy, and has snowed in the night. Feeling fine. Miss Stauffer has a cold and is hoarse. She complains of an aching ear. Has had much trouble that way before. Stepped outside- almost a blizzard! Chances poor for getting into the air today. Sorry. Visited Store- then at igloo of Jonathan & Rosie Oonalik- saw fire of seal-oil & moss- one way of heating their houses,- also saw a blue-ribbon seal poke, &c. Windy, snow drifting- disagreeable outdoors.- Took picture of four young mothers and their babies- all in parkas- Miss Stauffer with them- the babies I baptized last Sunday in the Communion Service. If pictures turn out well I shall send one for each mother. Mrs. Dora Natungok came in for a visit with me. Miss S. kindly served tea and we played Chinese Checkers. Amy Tungwenuk was in also and joined in the games. At 5:00 P.M. weather is brighter but wintry. Visited in the evening with the Teachers- the Crutchers. All is well. Praying for rest and welcome light in the morning.

April 27. Arose at 6:30. All right- tho' seems about the same weather as for several days past. Looks like I'll spend another Sabbath in Wales. At 1:15 P.M. sunlight is increasing- but guess the weather report has not been sent out since morning. Have little hope of the plane coming. Went out for long walk and climb up the side of the mountain- took several picture shots- Thornton monument, etc. Graves and bones. I hope they're good! Have followed flight of airplane- Mirow's- from Nome to Gambell by radio. Charles Oxerock and Louis Tungwenuk have been in for a visit. Louis brought me ten patches of skins as are used here by the Eskimos for various purposes. Must label them and shape them up for exhibition along with other things we have. My left ankle is slightly sprained- must have made a bad step among the rocks- treating it. Mr. Crutcher was in for a pleasant visit. - Good Night to all.

April 28. Sunday Morning- and am surprised to be here yet! Shall help in the work of the Thornton Memorial Presbyterian Church again today. Feeling okay- ankle is better, -was a little worried about it. Weather still foggy- wonder when it will clear away- and I can go? So sorry I can't be in Fairbanks today to keep my appointment with the old Church! Do wonder what Anna and the Church are doing! Sun is coming over the Mountain at 7:15. From 9:30 to 10:30 the S.S. Teachers here for lesson study. How faithful these Eskimo Christian men are! More loyal than the white men proportionately. Men with one boat are going out today to hunt for whale. Sunday School is in session- good attendance- very fine to see these people so devout and earnest about Christian faith and practice. Twenty-three little black-headed primary children with their Teacher, Louise, having the lesson on "Friendly Neighbors" - all are sitting on the floor compactly. Must see them to appreciate how amusingly interesting they are- really sweet and dear. The power of Christian Teaching! Nine (9) persons- adults- were examined by the Session and received as new Members of the Church- by profession of faith in Christ. Charles Oxerock came with his Bible to have me explain to him a Scripture passage. At 3:00 P.M. there is much light and sunshine. Louis Tungwenuk came in and visited. Evening service was conducted by Miss Stauffer. I assisted, and then talked about the Church and the Meaning of Membership- called for persons to profess their Christian faith- three more came forward- making twelve for the day. All were publicly welcomed into Church fellowship by profession of their faith in Christ- four of them were baptized- the others had been baptized in childhood. Quite a day! We have now received twenty-eight (28) persons into Church membership, and baptized eight (8) during this visit. Came home after an hour or so. "Called it a day"- retired for the night. Praise God!



April 29. Up and around at 7:00. Looks foggy- am well and okay. What will the day bring about? Men have gone out with several boats. Weather report still bad for flying. Shall try to be useful here. At 9:30 is looking brighter. Some sunshine. Radio aerial wires have iced and broken down over The Manse. Wind changed to S.W. Better or worse? Been out along the beach for a walk- gathered a few more selected shells. At 12 Noon is sunny and clearing fast. At 4:35 P.M. I took picture of Harold, his two small children, and his string of 9 eider ducks- just back from the hunt all day at edge of ice on sea. Send this picture for Harold if it is good. Saw each man coming in pulling behind him a good string of these fine ducks. Large ones. Picked up a lot of shells on the beach while out for a walk- have good choice because the snow is melting away. Fascinating. Two men are repairing the radio aerial. Fine dinner. We spent part of evening with the Teachers- good company- with conversation and Chinese Checkers. Wind is making things noisy about the place. Ready for the night. "Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing."

April 30. 7:30 and I have begun the day. Well and fine- but weather is very cloudy- fear the plane cannot come through today. Left home two weeks ago! 10:30- windy and light, wet snow driving- out in it- not pleasant on the beach. At 1:00 P.M. weather is bad! At 6:00 P.M. it is still very stormy. Have kept indoors reading and otherwise amusing myself- having a good rest- but wishing I could go home- see Anna and do things there. Am missing casting my ballot today in the Primary Election. Teachers came over- spent pleasant evening. Dwight was in and he wrote up the Session Minutes. Good Night!

May 1. May Day- and I observe the weather to be still heavy- disappointed! Have been out and around- feel okay. Wonder what the day will bring in experience. Shall try to be good and cheerful. Can't help about this delay in getting away. Made another picture or two- and some other little things & ideas have been collected for the promotion of mission interest. Faith that all will count for some good someday. Harold's wife, Anna, made thread used for sewing skins- sinew- from backs of reindeer- saw her do it- gave it to me- then I got a skin-needle from Store to go with the sinew- women use smaller needles than this one- but it is the same kind. At 1:00 P.M. the weather is brighter. Soon after 3:00 I took two pictures- both set at 25 ft.- shutter on 11- and speed at 1/25 sec. (1) five girls- Eskimo; (2) "the white population"- the Missionary and the Teachers- "Emma and her two Crutche(r)s"- both taken at snow-bank between Manse and School House. No direct sunlight for these exposures. After dinner did various things- talked with George Oetenna- and old reindeer herder- who knew Dr. Sheldon Jackson well- and he is now carving ivory mainly for his living. Very intelligent and experienced man. Call it a day at 10:30. God bless my dear ones, and all our good people. I feel in a quite different world and shut away from them all,- admit I am restless and some lonely.

May 2. Good Morning! Well- weather looks decidedly better. Am feeling fine. What's on the program for today? Hope it's flying. Can see Fairway Rock- 20 miles west in Bering Strait. At 3:00 P.M. have been out on beach this forenoon- observed a lot- took pictures of children playing on a sandy place- picked up a few extra nice shells, &c. Much warmer- is still and clearing- see the Diomedes and Siberia. Worked on plans for the new Manse we hope to build here in 1945. Pilot Frank Whealey should surely drop in today- favorable at this end- but where is he? Fear I'm inclined to lose my normal morale here- after being so long overdue at the home port- Fairbanks. Needing to be at home very urgently. It was two weeks ago today I arrived! Have made preparations for leading Prayer Meeting tonight. Willie Senungetuk, interpreter, came in and went over my Scripture and Sermon Notes with me. Just then, about 6:00 P.M., a cry "Airplane" was heard thro' the Village- everyone was quickly outside! It was my pilot, Frank Whealey, of the Wien Airlines, come for me. He landed on the shore ice a mile out from the point of the Cape. Gathered up my things- went out- hurriedly said my good-bye to many of my friends- walked off across the ice- along with Miss Stauffer and numerous young folks of the place. Frank was fine and apologetic for keeping me waiting for him so long- the whole reason- "Bad weather at Wales."



I took a picture of the plane and folks around it- said our good-byes all around- went aboard and we were off at 6:35 P.M. Circled for altitude and visibility above the fog,- headed south for Nome- very wonderful view everywhere- vast level of fog all to the north and east- but we flew along in sunshine all the way to Teller, where we landed- took on a passenger and some meat- the latter we dropped out while in flight over a mining camp- then on direct to Nome. Welcome approach- arrived at 8:30,- located again at Paterson Hotel- pleased and satisfied. Had dinner at North Pole Cafe- walked out for a while- went to bed at 11:00. Peace was in my heart and gratitude to God.

May 3. Around early and am okay. Expecting a plane from Fairbanks and hope to reach home tonight! How I'm hoping for good weather report from that route! It is a beautiful day here. Sent wire to Anna- so relieving her of anxiety. Called on Rev. and Mrs. W.P. Wood- left for them the piece of carved ivory they asked be to get at Wales- got from them the fine pair of model snow-shoes which they had obtained for me- then dropped in to see Ellen Clausen Hopkins,- had fine lunch with her. The plane, Pilot Herman Lerdahl, dropped in at 1:00 P.M. We left for Fairbanks about 4:00 P.M. Fairbanks time,- came thru nicely with one landing, that at Ruby- thrilling and pleasurable flight at about 4,000 to 5,000 feet altitude most all of the way. We arrived at Fairbanks Airport at 8:10 P.M. then drove to the Manse- Home again. Found Anna well, except lame and sore- a condition caused by a hard fall while working in the Church arranging things for some activity. We are both so happy to have the long, extended, and rather perilous trip successfully completed. Wife and home associations all look good to me. The news of the Church and Town is being heard and discussed with much interest,- and some important matters with deep concern. Very much now lies immediately ahead for us, And now- thank the Lord for His gracious care and our safety in His hands. "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass." A-men.

---John E. Youel.

May 3

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May 6, 1940

Air Mail

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Dr. Youel:

I have wired you this morning as follows: "DO NOT VISIT  
ST. LAWRENCE BEFORE AUGUST. LETTER FOLLOWS."

The reason for this wire is that I have had a conference  
with Miss Bannan, and she feels that it would be most wise  
for you to make your visit when she is on the ground.  
I readily agree with her opinion, and so you make your  
plans to visit the Island of St. Lawrence the latter part  
of August. Miss Bannan will then be on the field.

I am anxiously awaiting some report from you about your  
visit to Wales.

Cordially yours,

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# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YDUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

May 10, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
Board of National Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Upon my return from Wales on May 3rd I found two letters here from you; the first, dated April 3, an outline of some of the details in connection with my new work, and the second, dated April 19, informing us that you have found the man who is to be my successor on the Fairbanks field, and about his coming, etc. Thank you for the clear statements and understanding which they afford me. I shall be glad to do my very best to carry the entire program through cheerfully and successfully. Your telegram of May 6th was received that day, telling me to defer my proposed visit to St. Lawrence Island until August. I shall be looking for your letter giving me your reason for the postponement.

I shall be busy all of this month acting pastor in this field, and making the move into another house. Finding it mighty difficult to reduce our goods enough to get into a three-room house and handing out \$35.00 per month rent, after living in a seven-room house and all over the lot and the Church, and having no rent to pay. We have never before had to do this way, - but we shall work it all out some way. We want to give the Trustees two weeks or so to fix up this Manse, that it may be in good condition for the family to occupy it at once when they arrive. During the month of June I shall spend some time at Nenana, and at another place or two in the northern part of the Railroad Belt. Shall also visit some of the mining camps out from Fairbanks.

The trip to Wales was made- left Fairbanks with the Wien Airlines plane on April 16th, and arrived at Nome after a non-stop flight of 3 hrs. and 50 min., pilot Herman Lehrdal. Had to remain at Nome for two days and two nights, waiting for favorable weather reports from Wales. From Nome the Wien Airlines pilot, Frank Whaley, took me through to Wales on April 18th. Landed on the shore-ice of Bering Strait, and was met and greeted by Miss Emma M. Stauffer and many of the Eskimo population. Found it very pleasant to be back there and I recognized at once many whom I had come to know on my previous visits. All seemed glad to have me with them again. I was comfortably entertained at the Manse, and our Missionary, Miss Stauffer, did splendidly as my hostess and cook. We spent a very busy time in the services of the mission and among the people, doing various things. Expecting that I would have only about four days at Wales we crowded much into that Sunday, April 21st-- after Sunday School I conducted a brief evangelistic service in which 19 young people came forward and confessed faith in Christ. Three of these had done the same previously. Held Communion in the evening of that day. Had a large attendance- 16 young people were received as members of the



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Church by profession of faith, and 4 babies were baptized. Since the weather was very bad for many days, making it impossible for the plane to come back for me, I stayed two weeks, so had another Sunday with the Wales people. Had another great day of services- and we received 12 adults into Church membership by profession of faith, and baptized four of them. Summary: Held Communion- administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; baptized 4 infants and 4 adults; received 28 persons into Church membership by profession of faith. Also, administered Communion in an igloo privately for an aged and ill woman and her daughter, who could not come to the Church for the service. Numerous personal contacts and a few conferences were held. I moderated several meetings of the Session. Etc. Wintry weather prevailed, and I was held there until the evening of May 2nd. when the plane came in and landed again on the shore-ice a mile out from the village.

Miss Stauffer and I went all over and over the property and the needs for the material things at Wales. I took with me the SHEET on which Miss Stauffer had listed the supplies needed this summer. We concluded to ask you for your authorization and order for the things as listed on the re-written sheet which I am inclosing herewith. I am satisfied that everything listed is necessary for the welfare and comfort of the people as they attend and participate in the services of our Thornton Memorial Presbyterian Church. I have checked over every one of the items,- have had advice about the quantity of some of the materials from parties here in Fairbanks, who know by experience with figuring on such materials,- so I feel that this order sheet is about right in every respect. I, therefore, am indorsing it as a whole. There is nothing in the list which the Missionary should pay. The Church building must be made warmer, and coal stoves will be far more satisfactory than the fuel-oil stoves. The latter are doing well in the Manse. Within our plans for building a new Manse later, the oil stoves will provide for the heating system therein very nicely.

You will please know that I had a very wonderful trip and visit all the way around. Enjoyed it a lot. My long delay in returning and the stormy condition of the weather, were causes of much anxiety for Mrs. Youel here at home. Also had to make some other arrangements about the announcements for services here,- so had to send "wires."

Kept a "log" of my trip, and used my kodak quite a lot. Have a good record of the whole visit by days and some observations. As soon as possible I shall send to you some of the pictures, etc.

Let me say, too, that I thoroughly believe in Miss Emma M. Stauffer as a ~~hard~~ and faithful missionary and community worker over at Wales. She is doing a fine thing as a nurse and has the supplies of the Government drug dispensary at the house, and she dispenses them a lot. How those people do come to her for the pills and cough medicine! She gets right down where they live all of the time. Remarkable! No doubt some mistakes are made now and then. Who doesn't do that? For her good she should have her furlough privilege soon.



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Mrs. Youel and I are very happy that you have been here with us and that you greatly enjoyed your visit here and elsewhere through Alaska. It was just grand and right that you could come, and gain all of the first-hand acquaintance on the fields and with the many workers. Our mutual service and understanding will be the more definite and effective all the way along. We shall look forward to the privilege of having you with us again some-time. D. V.

When making plans for my airplane trip to Wales and return, I was able to get an exceptionally good discount from the regular fares from the Wien Airlines, Mr. Noel Wien, proprietor and active pioneer pilot himself. This was obtained out of consideration of my long-time service and acquaintance with them here. I have had several experiences with them, some happy, some terribly sad, as they have been engaged in the "flying game" through the years. I have been their minister and have done my part through losses and bereavements. They gave me this trip for about 2/3 the usual fare. Here is the financial account for my trip to Wales and return:

Airplane fare	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$160.00
Hotel room- at Nome- three days	@	3.50	-	-	-	-	10.50
Meals en route	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
Telegrams to Fairbanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.50
Total -							\$178.00

I had received from the Board of N. M. for this same trip intended to be taken in Oct. 1939- \$200.00

Balance on hand for travel expenses for use in connection with my work in general field- \$ 22.00<sub>x</sub>

Yours faithfully,

*John E. Youel*



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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Curry, Alaska  
May 29, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. King:

I am late getting my report for the Fairbanks part of my month's work off to you. We have been desperately busy making the move out of the house - could only find a small 3-room cabin - so had to pack up most of our things for storage here until later. Have finished the move and gave permission to the Board of Trustees last week - and they are now busy doing some needed renovating preparing for the coming of our successors - the Arnshangs.

We are both terribly tired out - and, quite appropriately in bed here, we are both on our way to visit and make some work contacts along the Alaska Railroad - shall get to Anchorage, Palmer, and Nenana during the next two weeks. My wife, Anna, had not been away from the duties at Fairbanks during the last four years. We are expecting to enjoy a change, some rest, a pleasant visit, and do some things in line of duty.

Best of good wishes - Yours faithfully,  
John E. Youel

P.S. -  
O yes, your "vine" and air mail letter reached me about half-past 10 of last night & I plan to go in August - after the return of Mrs. to St. Lawrence Island. I had expected to hear from her regarding her expected return - Ann Barrum - I had expected to hear from her regarding her expected return - with the same thing in mind as you have said. S.E.Y.



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JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

June 28, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

*of letter*  
Your letter of June 12th has reached me, enclosing a copy sent to Miss Stauffer and directing me to make my plans for supplying the Wales Church beginning January 16th, 1941. I shall communicate with Miss Stauffer and arrange about our use of food supplies, etc.

I am expecting to hear from Miss Ann Bannon soon, and also the Coast Guard Commander, in view of the date and transportation for making the proposed visit to St. Lawrence Island, which is scheduled for sometime in August.

*Ans - say we will try to arrange to bring him in states - ground out - definite supervisor a little later -*  
After moving out of the Manse here, I went down the Alaska Railroad, taking Mrs. Youel along, for a good visit, conferences, special Meeting of Presbytery, and some good rest. We had a grand time, and were able to help the people at Anchorage, Palmer, around over the Matanuska Valley, etc. Had the privilege of making several talks on Alaska Missions. We found that we were terribly tired after the closing of our work with the Church here at Fairbanks, and the move from the Manse, and effort to get into a very small house, - the only place we could find. Now we are pretty well settled, and feeling better. Can have this house only up to October 1st. Before that we shall be looking for definite word from you about the plan for using me in the States for several months in promotion work. That idea pleases us very much, and hope that you will provide for Mrs. Youel's going out with me for the winter. She would probably remain in the States after I would return to go to Wales.

I visited Nenana on June 12-14. Looked all over the property which we hold there. I shall write a more extended report and description of the building and situation in a separate letter within a few days.

My account for travelling expenses to date is as follows:

Amount on hand from N. M. Board on April 16	-	\$200.00
Expenses for Wales trip-	\$178.00- leaving	\$ 22.00
Expenses for trip and visit to points south-		\$ 53.40
Amount due to me on this date-	-	\$ 31.40,

*Please send him check for \$31.40-*

Yours faithfully,  
*John E. Youel*

*7/1/40*  
*Pa*



July 11, 1940

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

We will try to arrange to bring you into the States around the month of October. It will be a little later before we can give you definite information about the plan.

Your expense check for \$31.40 is being mailed to you from the Treasurer's office today.

Cordially yours,

EEK:DH



First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL ~~Fairbanks~~

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

August 14, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Here is my report, etc. *8/19/40*

I am keeping busy here and there, making contacts and trying my best to accomplish some things for the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

Just ready now to start for the Matanuska Valley to help with the Young People's Conference. Expecting a fine time!

*at  
Nenana* I am expecting the Klerekopers and Miss Ann Bannon in here on their way west and north the 24th. I am planning to go along and do that service on St. Lawrence Island. Shall try to get back here early in September, and then I shall make that visit and hold the services which you said for me to do. No children are in the town there during the vacation of the School. The only way to understand what is the right thing for us to do about the Church at Nenana- is to be there while the Public School is in session.

Will you please send \$200.00 to me for my expenses for the trip to GAMBELL- St. L. Id.? I am not sure what it will amount to, but I shall keep it down the best I can, of course. Have the Treasurer send it to me VIA AIRMAIL, if you can.

Best of wishes and prayers always.

Yours cordially,

*John E. Youel*



August 19, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

In accordance with your request of August 14 we enclose our Treasurer's check for \$200 on account of expenses for your trip to Gambell, St. Lawrence Island.

Hoping your trip will prove satisfactory in every way, I am,

Cordially yours,

HEW:DH

Enclosure

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September 4, 1940

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks  
Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Please make your plans if possible to be elected a commissioner for the General Assembly this next spring. After your supply work has been finished at Wales, I feel that it will be necessary to bring you back into the States. With our present shortage in the Alaskan budget, I am doubtful whether or not we can carry on the present arrangement with you after this church year. I regret to have to make this report, but facing the facts, I cannot see any possible choice.

Most cordially yours,

EMK:E

ALASKA



September 13, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Thank you for sending me the encouraging and inspiring word via radiogram. It arrived yesterday. I wish you would take the time, while it is fresh in your mind, to write me a story of the organization of these two churches together with some of the work that Miss Bannon is doing. Some good pictures you have taken of course will be most acceptable. I would like to have this information as soon as possible for an article to be published.

Beginning October 1, I am going to commission you as part-time Sunday School Missionary for Yukon Presbytery. I will send you some necessary information about a few of your extra duties. It seems to me that you are in a position to do Sunday school missionary work in the far country and it ought not to be neglected.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH



# First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, ~~PASTOR~~

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

## TRAVELLING EXPENSE ACCOUNT August and September- 1940

August 3- Bus fare to Ester and return - \$ 1.25

August 10-11- Stage fare to Circle & return- \$12.50  
Meals en route - - - - 3.10  
Room - - - - - 1.50  
17.10

Aug. 14-21- R.R. fare to Matanuska- round trip- 9.15  
Y.P. Meals en route - - - - 3.75  
Conf. Meals at Conference Camp - - 6.00  
King's Camp fee - - - - 1.00  
Lake Rooms- Curry Hotel- - - 6.00  
25.90  
Presbytery paid on this bill- \$10.00- 15.90

Aug. 25--  
Sept. 17- Airplane fare to Nome & return- 133.20  
St. Meals en route - - - - 6.10  
Lawrence Rooms at Hotels - - - - 11.00  
Island Mess & laundry charges- Cutter Aurora- 7.25  
Visit Boat- Eskimo canoe- bet. Gambell and  
Savoonga- round trip- - - 10.00  
167.55

Telegrams- for transportation connections  
and understanding - - - \$ 10.75  
Total - \$212.55

Sept. 5, 1940 Received from Dr. E. B. King, Sec. Bd.  
of N. M., for travelling expenses- - - \$200.00

To balance expense account to date with the undersigned  
there is due - - - - - \$ 12.55

Respectively submitted,

*John E. Youel*  
John E. Youel

Fairbanks, Alaska  
September 27, 1940



NATIONAL MISSIONS  
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JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

October 17, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

I have been expecting further word from you about the extra duties as Sunday School Missionary for Yukon Presbytery. I shall be glad to enter upon any kind of program and make the necessary connections and contacts that we can make possible in the Territory. No one can know the need for doing these things better than I, because my years of service have been more than any other person in the Presbytery. In the meantime I shall keep busy about the work, but cannot travel very much for awhile because of the expense involved. I am building together some good materials, including pictures taken with the new motion kodak given us by the Fairbanks congregation as we were closing our work with the Church the last of May. By the way, we have the word that you made a gift when you were here, and that was included in the cost of the camera. It is a fine one- 16 mm., magazine cine-kodak- Eastman. Am getting very good results. These things I shall use to good advantage when it comes time for me to be in the States for promotion work in the interests of Alaska Missions. Thank you for your part in this.

There is no chance for me to be elected a commissioner for the next General Assembly, as you have suggested, as I see it now. It will be Bingle's turn to go, and I know that he and his family are counting on going. At this end I must not start to do anything about getting elected as commissioner instead of Bert Bingle. Anyway I could not get away from Wales until Miss Stauffer would be back there, which will not likely be earlier than in July sometime. By all means she should have a six-months' furlough.

I sincerely hope that the Board will be able to provide for this arrangement with me, or someone else who is capable, having freedom from other duties so that visits and contacts can frequently be made with the churches, missions, and missionaries over the Territory. The prestige of the Presbyterian Church having a minister to do this kind of thing is already bearing fruit. The press is giving lots of space to my movements and results. We are appearing to the general public to be more nearly in the class of the religious bodies who have their "Bishops"-- R.C. and Episcopal. This makes a lot of difference in several ways; as I see it, along with my brethren of the Presbytery, we are attending to our fences, occupying our areas, and giving account of our ministry covering over 40 years in Western and Northern Alaska. - I want to talk with you personally about this subject before too long!

Anna and I have moved our residence again; have a good little house across the River on Garden Island. This is our second move.

Yours faithfully,  
*John E. Youel*



October 28, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John M. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I have your story and the newspaper clipping relative to your visit to St. Lawrence Island. Certainly that was a New Testament experience and a revelation of the power of the Holy Spirit. I shall be interested in receiving a log of your trip.

Requests have come to us that a survey or study be made of the surrounding work in Anchorage. I have written to the other members of the National Missions Committee stating that you would be available to work with the Committee in Anchorage, rendering such service as might be needed. I feel it would be worthwhile for you to go immediately to Anchorage and spend several days there making a thorough study of the developments.

I note what you say about being elected as a commissioner for the next General Assembly. After you have supplied for Miss Stauffer at Wales, we shall plan to bring you back into the States regardless of any action about the General Assembly. Therefore, you may make your plans accordingly. Miss Stauffer is determined that she will not remain in the States more than a few months.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH



NATIONAL MISSIONS  
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JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

November 14, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Your letter of Oct. 28th was forwarded to me while I was at Anchorage, where I was busy about doing the very things you directed me to proceed to do.

Along with the Brethren, Bingle and Cabbage, we made a very careful and complete survey and visitation of the newly occupied areas as residential sections outside of the city limits of Anchorage. We are satisfied that Mr. Cabbage and his Officers and Members are able to take care of the situation with further immediate help from me. The time and effort spent in going over the whole ground there has resulted in much good ~~results~~ already. I shall return to Anchorage if I hear from Mr. Cabbage that my assistance is needed further.

It is a great pity that the Anchorage Church does not yet have a larger and more appropriate building for its work. The proposed \$15,000 would not be an adequate amount to provide the kind and size of a building needed there, so I guess they must struggle along for another year or so until at least \$20,000 is available for the project, unless you will consent to let them make a start with the money in sight, and then borrow locally the amount necessary for doing the job well. We did just that thing here at Fairbanks ten years ago, and we are coming through with it all right. - Another thing I want to say about their proposed deal down there at Anchorage. I am not favorable at all to the idea of selling the present Manse and lot adjoining the Church. That would be all wrong. That house is a very good one as it now stands. Building residence quarters in the proposed new building would require most of the \$5,000 counted on from the sale of the present Manse and lot. Where would be the material gain? My opinion is that, the new building should be erected for the Church and Educational rooms and facilities only, - and just as soon as possible.

My visit and work at Nenana was productive of much encouragement. Have reorganized the Sunday School with several adults volunteering to co-operate in taking the leadership and teaching responsibility. Fifty people attended my Evening Service in the Church. They decided to hold both appointments every Sunday; S.S. at 2:00 p.m., and Church Service at 7:30 p.m. They will hold the services themselves as laymen unless a minister can be present. I shall return there and spend another week or so for further work around the building, and for visiting and conducting services. Shall report to you again.



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I spent some days with Mr. Bingle on his field and about his Church at Palmer. Found them busy in the usual way,- and with their problems even larger than before, because many of the men of the Valley are away from their farms and working for good wages at the Army Field near Anchorage. I know that you hear of their conditions from Mr. Bingle directly. I advised a lot with them while in their midst.

Enjoyed a pleasant visit of a day and night at the Eklutna Vocational School- addressed their Assembly and showed my motion pictures. That was one of the places of my visitation and ministry through two years thirteen and fourteen years ago. Pleasant to be there again.

Am back at my home base for a few days, attending to home duties and bringing up my office and correspondence work. I shall inclose my report sheet and travel expense statement with this letter. 11/20/40

I am happy that you were pleased with my visit and results at St. Lawrence Island. Should like to go back and see how they are getting along. Am working on the "Log" of my trip over there, and shall soon mail a copy to you.

You have not mentioned having received any of the pictures I have mailed to you, including the large one of the moonlight at the Fairbanks Church, those taken at Wales last April, and of the visit at Gambell and Savoonga this fall. I do hope they all reached you safely and in good condition.

I am building up some good motion pictures in color for future use and enjoyment. Shall want you to see them sometime.

We are both well and trying faithfully to take our place and do our full part in the ministerial life and service. We do not know what we should do about Anna's residence while I must be on duty at Wales from January 10th and on for some months. Should she go with me over there? or should she remain here in Fairbanks? or go Outside and wait there until I go, after my stay is finished at Wales? Will you advise us what you think about this question, and tell us the best and proper way to provide for the necessary expenses for going either way, or staying here? We do not see the light as to the better way so far. And, time is flying!

Very happy that I am able to go on in the service, I am,

Yours cordially,

John E. Youel



November 26, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Thank you for your report about your visit to Anchorage together with the recommendations you had to offer.

Our Board is now ready to offer the Anchorage church \$6,000 from the Munger Fund as the beginning of its building program. I am hopeful that plans may be perfected so that actual construction can begin this spring.

I am deeply sorry I have overlooked acknowledging the fine, large moonlight picture of the Fairbanks church, together with the snapshots taken at Wales last spring and the snaps taken during your visit at Gambell and Savoonga this fall. All were received and appreciated. I am glad you are working up a good motion picture in color. I know it will be valuable for future use.

Relative to your question about your wife while you are at Wales, I can not give you any answer. It seems to me that since you are coming out immediately upon completion of your work at Wales, it might be just as well for your wife to come out and be in the States during the time you are in Wales. If this is your wish, we will provide the necessary travel expense of Mrs. Youel from Fairbanks to Seattle. Please let me know your decision.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH



ALASKA MISSIONS  
~~First~~ Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOEUL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

December 5, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Your air-mail letter dated Nov. 26th reached me yesterday. Thank you so much for it, and for the advice it contained.

Now, I think we have decided that Anna, Mrs. Youel, will go Outside and stay among her folks and friends in the States while I am over on the Coast at Wales. Then, I shall be able to join her out there sometime next summer, God willing.

As nearly as we can figure, the necessary travel expenses of Mrs. Youel from Fairbanks to Seattle will come to about \$125.00. If you can send the check to us for that amount we shall be most appreciative and grateful. She may want to start from Fairbanks on December 25- Christmas Day- so that she can sail on the SS YUKON from Seward on December 27th.

I am planning to fly from Fairbanks soon after January 1st for Wales via Nome. The days are shortest then- so shall not be able to go through in one day. Weather conditions on the Coast are quite apt to be unfavorable for days at a stretch. Shall be hoping for good weather. I guess that Miss Stauffer will plan to come away from Wales on the plane I take in there. For my one-way trip from Fairbanks to Wales I shall likely need about \$100.00. I shall be glad if a check can be sent by the Board for my expenses for that trip. -- Relative to some other details, I shall be writing you later. Miss Stauffer and I will come to an understanding about numerous things at the Wales Mission Station and my use of her food and living supplies, etc.

We shall be giving up our rented house here in Fairbanks, and we are putting our THINGS (a lot) in storage here, leaving with that arrangement until we can know definitely what to do with them later.

Yours faithfully,

John E. Youel

One enclosure.



December 13, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

In accordance with your request of December 5 we enclose our Treasurer's check for \$225. This covers Mrs. Youel's travel expense from Fairbanks to Seattle, \$125, and your trip from Fairbanks to Wales, \$100.

Thank you for the log of your visit to Wales and Savoonga which is indeed quite complete.

Cordially yours,

*Everett B. King*

HEW:DH  
Enclosure



NATIONAL MISSIONS  
First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOEUL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

December 18, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for the check from the Treasurer of the Board for \$225.00- for the travel expenses for Mrs. Youel to Seattle, and for me to Wales. Same is just received today. We shall proceed to make use of this money for the purposes designated in about two and three weeks from this date.

I am just now quite concerned about my salary checks for the months of November and December; for these two months I have received only \$33.33 and \$33.30 respectively. This leaves a balance of \$166.70 which I am still expecting. No doubt this will all be coming through the mail to me very soon, but no word of explanation has been given to me so far. The full amount of my salary is seriously needed just now, while we are having to pay rent, pack-up and put our household goods in storage, make these moves and trips, etc.,-- but our Board of National Missions has never reduced my salary checks to this extent in all of the years, and I know everything will be here in order within a few days.

I am sending with this a paper giving Mrs. Anna Phelps Youel my Power of Attorney, and asking you to have my salary checks mailed to her at 220 Fifth Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, while I am at Wales. Please have the checks drawn payable to either John E. Youel, or, Mrs. Anna Phelps Youel. Can you not do that for us? You know, the mail does not go into Wales oftener than once monthly, some times not that often. Some way of making my salary money available for my wife's use conveniently and without coming all the way to me at Wales and back to her again after my receiving and indorsing the checks, will be most desirable and cheering to us both.

Re the matter of the "Special Premium Rates" as offered by the PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER'S FUND, of which you wrote and had Application papers, etc., sent to me, as well as to the other men of Alaska; I can do nothing about it, because I am over 65 years of age, and it would not be to my advantage to go into such an arrangement,-- could only obtain a policy for \$500. How I wish I could afford to carry more insurance! For all of the younger men, I believe that this Conference Plan is very excellent, and I hope that the full 75% of all those eligible will participate. Thank you for the information.

From my office as Chairman of our N.M. Committee I am wanting to indorse the Rev. B. J. Bingle's application to the Board for a grant for travel expenses for his Family from Palmer to Seattle this coming spring.

Yours cordially,



December 18, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I have read and studied the log of your visit to St. Lawrence Island with a great deal of interest. It reveals a modern New Testament experience. I do not know when there has been such an event in our Presbyterian Church! It was a grand and glorious victory for our Master. Thank you for being so careful in sending the minute detail.

There are two questions I wish you would help me answer. Please feel perfectly free to offer your frank conclusions and recommendations. First, what do you recommend in regard to the building needs for Gambell and Savoonga?

Second, what do you recommend as the need for future leadership on St. Lawrence Island? Can Miss Bannan take care of the situation, will it demand an ordained minister, or will it require both an ordained minister and the services of Miss Bannan? I shall appreciate your sending me this information by airmail.

I feel you have acted wisely in sending Mrs. Youel to the States.

Please let me hear from you when you find yourself in Wales.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

ALASKA



December 24, 1940

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I was very sorry to learn from your letter of December 18th that you have failed to receive your full salary for the months of November and December. It was due to a clerical mistake in our Treasurer's office that this happened. We enclose herewith our Board's check for \$166.65 paying the balance due you for November and December.

Beginning January first, we shall be glad to follow your wishes and send your salary checks to Mrs. Youel at 220 Fifth Avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

HEW:TTL  
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